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the basis on which the scheme for supply to Thiagadurgam, Kallakurichi and Chinnasalem has been evolved, did not proceed beyond Kallakurichi. Extension of supply to Vadakkanandal involves the construction of 8 miles of 11 K.V. line beyond Kallakurichi and further investigations will be made shortly regarding the feasibility of extending supply on a remunerative basis, to Vadakkanandal and surrounding villages.''

Fertilizer factories

* 911 *Q.*—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of fertilizer factories in the State; and

(*b*) the tonnage produced for the year ended 31st December 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Thirty-one factories, Sir.

'' (*b*) The Government have no information, Sir.''

Breaches in tanks in Ulundurpet

* 912 *Q.*—SRI M. KANDASWAMI PADAYACHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report that more than 30 tanks in Ulundurpet firka of South Arcot district breached on account of heavy rains in October 1954;

(*b*) if so, whether any steps have been taken to get the breaches closed; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKVELU :—'' (*a*) Yes. On account of heavy rains in October 1954, 23 Minor Irrigation tanks and 3 P.W.D. tanks breached in Ulundurpet firka of Tirukkoyilur taluk.

'' (*b*) Minor Irrigation tanks—Immediately after the occurrence of the breaches, ring bunds were formed with the help of the ayacutdars and water was stored in the tanks as far as possible. The breach in Kiliyur, one of the minor irrigation tanks taken up for repairs by the Food Production Staff has been closed by the Food Production Department. So far, 17 estimates to the value of Rs. 11,360 have been sanctioned for carrying out the flood repairs. Three more estimates have been sent to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirukkoyilur, for inspecting the breached sources and for submitting a report on the adequacy of the provision made in the estimates. The Board has set apart an allotment of Rs. 50,000 for flood works in the district.

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Public Works Department Tanks—The Executive Engineer has taken steps to close the breaches in respect of the three Public Works Department tanks.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI M. KANDASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" அதிக மழையினால் ஏரிகள் பூராவும் உடைபட்டு பயிரிட ஜலம் இல்லாமல் விவசாயிகள் மிகவும் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். ஆதலால் விவசாயிகளுக்கு வரி வஜா செய்ய அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"கனம் அங்கத்தினர் இதைப்பற்றி தனி கேள்வி போடுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

* 913 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up on Monday, the 28th February 1955."

Bridge across a channel in Chenganiyur

* 914 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Sri R. Krishnan, M.L.A. regarding the construction of a bridge across the canal in Chenganiyur village in Palghat, Malabar (Malampuzha) ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The construction of a foot bridge at M. 7/5 of the Peringottukurissi channel near Chenganiyur village has recently been approved by the Chief Engineer."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" വണ്ടികൾ പോകേണ്ടുന്ന റോഡ് മുറിച്ചാണ് തോട് പോകുന്നത്. ഫുട്ട് ബ്രിഡ്ജ് കെട്ടിയാൽ വാഹന ഗതാഗതം സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല. ഒരു പാലം കെട്ടാൻ എന്താണ് തടസ്സം ?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir, there is a hamlet there of about 500 people and that is why a foot bridge is to be constructed. If it is to be a big bridge it will take some time and also the necessity for it will have to be investigated."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."